

# ATHLETE DATA PROTECTION

**A common Privacy Policy and Consent  
Form for the management of athletics**

## **Data Protection in European Athletics: Information Sheet and Consent Form**

Your privacy and the protection of your personal data are matters of great importance. This document explains which of your personal data is processed in the sport of European Athletics and how this is done. Please read it very carefully.

### **Which of your data is collected and processed?**

To administer your participation in the sport of Athletics, the following data is required:

(1) Athletics Data: (a) information about you as an Athlete (in particular first name, last name, gender, full date of birth, nationality, height, weight, membership with a club or federation and, where applicable, your ID in athletics databases) and (b) information about competitions you participate in (in particular the date, name and venue of competitions, your personal results, records, rankings, wind readings, and similar);

(2) Additional personal information, in particular contact information (incl. emergency contact) and medical information, where required.

Where this document generally refers to "data", this includes both of these data categories.

### **Why is your data needed and for which purposes is it processed?**

Athletics Data is required and used ("processed") to manage the sport of Athletics on all levels and to administer your participation in our sport. Athletics Data is processed to organise competitions (e.g. to establish who participates, who may score points, which countries or clubs are represented, whether you meet qualification criteria, etc.), to manage your results and records, compare them with the results of others and to establish rankings, records databases and best lists (e.g. personal best, season's best etc.). Athletics Data is also used to fight against doping (e.g. by publicly listing banned athletes or manage suspensions), and to manage and record other disciplinary sanctions. Athletics Data is furthermore used to provide information to the public, to the media or to interested third persons (e.g. sport statisticians). Additional personal information is only processed where this is necessary (e.g. to make sure that you can be contacted or to make sure that all the relevant medical information about yourself is known, e.g. concerning injuries).

### **From which sources is your data obtained?**

Athletics Data or additional personal information is often obtained directly from you (e.g. when you register for a competition or when someone else does this on your behalf, when you join a club or renew your membership to your national federation). It is also possible that team managers, clubs, federations or competition organisers collect such data and then share it "upwards", e.g. a club forwards your Athletics Data to the national federation, which then forwards it to the EAA (see further information below). Athletics Data can also be obtained from public sources (e.g. from the media or the internet). Additional personal information is never obtained from public sources.

### **Who processes your data?**

Your data is processed on different levels. On a regional or local level, clubs or competition organisers process your data. On national level, this is done by national federations and on a European level by the European Athletic Association (EAA). Further acts of data processing occur, at world level, by the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF), but we have no control over the IAAF's processing of your data.

Clubs, competition organisers, national federations and the EAA may rely on the services of additional service providers, which help them process your data. Such services are provided, in particular, by companies like ReportLab (domiciled in the United Kingdom) Tilastopaja (domiciled in Finland), deltatre s.p.a (domiciled in Italy and the United Kingdom) and Atos (domiciled in Spain).

### **How is your data processed?**

Clubs, competition organisers, national federations and the EAA can process your data, i.e. collect it, sort it, store it, aggregate it with other data, publish it and/or use it for all the described purposes.

For Athletics Data, ReportLab operates a web service called "OpenTrack", which serves as an online data hub for the sport of Athletics (see <https://opentrack.run>). Every athlete is assigned a unique ID in this system, which helps to identify athletes individually and to avoid wrong records. Clubs, competition organisers, national federations and EAA can all upload your Athletics Data to this system, where the data is aggregated, sorted and displayed in a standardized format.

Athletics Data contained in OpenTrack is also shared with Tilastopaja, which publishes it on its website (see [www.tilastopaja.eu](http://www.tilastopaja.eu)). Tilastopaja provides further services, in particular to the EAA, e.g. to manage results on a European level or to create detailed Athlete profiles on the EAA website ([www.european-athletics.org](http://www.european-athletics.org)).

### **Who has access to your data?**

As a principle, all parties who are involved in the organisation of our sport at any level can have access to these systems, databases and websites, containing Athletics Data (but no additional personal information). Tilastopaja or ReportLab can also make Athletics Data publicly accessible via their websites, and they can grant paid logins to interested parties (e.g. to the media or to sport statisticians).

The EAA furthermore publishes Athletics Data on its own website, for example to create detailed Athlete profiles. Athletics Data can also be shared with other Athletics partners (e.g. clubs, national federations, competition organisers) or with other third parties, wherever this is necessary to administer your participation in our sport at any level or to inform the public about our sport.

In addition, results of competitions will normally be published openly on the internet. Such a publication is, however, always limited to Athletics Data. Additional personal information is, as a principle, never published openly.

Please note that Athletics Data and additional personal information can also be transferred to third parties located outside the European Union in countries with a lower level of data protection. This means that in such countries, your data would not be as protected as in your home country and/or within the European Union.

### **How long will your data be stored?**

Your Athletics Data will be recorded for an indefinite period, but for no longer as it is required for statistical and record-keeping purposes. Additional personal information will be recorded until five (5) years after you have stopped playing an active role in our sport.

### **Which are your rights under data protection law?**

You have (1) the right to access and request a copy of the data that is processed about you, (2) the right to have inaccurate data rectified and to have data blocked, erased or destroyed, depending on the circumstances, (3) the right to object to the processing of your data or to restrict such processing, depending on the circumstances and (4) the right to lodge a complaint with a competent data protection authority.

### **Do you have concerns or questions?**

If you have any concerns or questions about how your data is processed or managed, please do not hesitate to contact any of the involved parties:

European Athletic Association: [statistics@european-athletics.org](mailto:statistics@european-athletics.org)

